

NEWS RELEASE

SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 4050 Main Street Riverside, CA 92501

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY:

On December 3, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced a Regional Stay-At-Home-Order (Order) that would be applicable once a designated region falls below 15% of ICU bed capacity, which then subjects the counties within the region to the restrictive terms set forth in the Order, for a minimum of three weeks. The County of Riverside is assigned to the Southern California Region. On December 6, 2020, the Southern California Region fell below the 15% ICU bed capacity threshold, triggering application of the Order to the County of Riverside.

As a result, pursuant to the authority set forth in General Order 2020-68, which extends the time period in Penal Code section 1382 for the holding of a trial, all new jury trials are suspended through December 31, 2020. This order is only applicable to jury trials that have not commenced. This order does not affect jury trials that are in progress, which will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

The Riverside Superior Court's website includes links to court orders, division notices, press releases, and online court services during the COVID-19 pandemic. The public is encouraged to visit the <u>website</u> to access the most current Court information.

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